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SUBJECT: NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL BRIEFING ON OWEN VISIT TO
AFRICA

1. AT APRIL 20 NAC KILICK (UK) BRIEFED THE COUNCIL ON
FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN'S APRIL 10-17 VISIT TO AFRICA, NOTING
THAT WHILE INITIALLY INTENDING ONLY A FAMILIARIZATION
TOUR, THE UK CONCLUDED AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE US
THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO BUILD ON SMITH'S ACCEPTANCE
IN PRINCIPLE OF MAJORITY RULE BY SEPTEMBER 1978. THUS,
THE TOUR BECAME SOMETHING MORE THAN A MATTER OF FAMILIAR-
IZATION, WHILE STILL BEING SHORT OF A FORMAL ATTEMPT
TO NEGOTIATE. KILICK SAID IT INVOLVED THE CONTINUED
ACCEPTANCE OF BRITISH RESPONSIBILITY, BUT ON THE BASIS
OF US UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT. DR. OWEN TRIED OUT IN
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A NUMBER OF AFRICAN CAPITALS THE IDEA OF A CONFERENCE
CO-SPONSORED BY BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES TO DRAW UP
AN INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION AND TO WORK FOR PEACEFUL
TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN 1978. BRITAIN WOULD
CHAIR SUCH A CONFERENCE. KILICK SAID THAT NO FORMAL
DECISION ABOUT PROCEEDING TO A CONFERENCE WILL BE TAKEN
FOR A FEW WEEKS WHILE INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS PROCEED IN LONDON
AND WITH THE US.

2. KILICK NOTED THAT OWEN HAD REFLECTED SERIOUSLY ABOUT

THE IMPLICATIONS OF VISITING ANGOLA GIVEN THE ZAIRE
SITUATION, BUT CONCLUDED THAT THE NEED TO CONSULT
PRESIDENT NETO ON THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM WAS OVER-
RIDING.

3. FULL TEXT OF KILLICK COMMENTS BEING FORWARDED BY
AIRGRAM.PEREZ

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